

Every lane, though long, has turnings,
Need we therefore fear alarm?
Gloomy clouds have silver linings;
After storm comes a calm.
"Give and take" should be our motto;
Echo not an angry word;
Mutual should be our forbearance—
Each and all have sadly erred.
Number not each slight transgression;
'Tis the noble who forgive;
Be not swift to see digression,
Else we do but idly live.
Tongues are sometimes far too fluent,
Words are sometimes rather strong,
Eyes will sometimes play the truant,
Ears are sometimes rather long!
Name not every petty scandal,
Brainless babblers choose to fry,
Lest you should provide the handle
Which might flourish forth a lie.
Evening Hours

RUTH'S STEPFATHER.

A curious trade to take to, but then it has grown to be profitable. Things were at a low ebb with me when I took it up, while now—

There, I won't boast, only say that I'm thankful for it. Poverty comes at the door and loves flies out of the window, so they say; but that's all nonsense, or else your poor people would always be miserable, while according to my experience your poor man is often more light-hearted than the man with thousands.

The way I've been bitten though by some folks has made me that case hardened that sometimes I've wondered whether I'd got any heart left, and the wife's had to interfere, telling me I've been spoiled with prosperity and grown unfeeling.

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"Why, we might have Luke at home, and he is doing well."

Luke's our boy, you know, and we had got him into a merchant's office, where he seemed likely to stay; but I was in a grumbling fit then, and there was a clickety-clack noise going on in the next room that fidgeted me terribly.

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"Come in," I said and a fellow-lodger put in his head.

"Are you good at works, Mr. Smith?" he said.

"What works?" I said: "fireworks—gasworks?"

"No; no; I mean works of things as goes with wheels and springs."

"Middling," I said, for I was fond of pulling clocks to pieces and trying to invent.

"I wish you'd come and look at this sewing machine, for I can't get it to go!"

Sewing machines were newish in those days, and I got up to have a look at it, and after an hour's fiddling about, I began to see a bit of the reason why—the purpose, you know, of all the screws and cranks and wheels; I found out, too, why our neighbor's wife, who was a dressmaker, and had just started one, could not get it to go; and before night, by thinking, and putting this and that together, had got her in the way of working it pretty steadily, though with my clumsy fingers I couldn't have done it myself.

I had my bit of dinner and tea with those people, and they forced half-a-crown upon me as well; and I went back feeling like a new man, so refreshing had been that bit of work.

"There," said my wife, "I told you something would come."

"Well, so you did," I said; "but the something is rather small."

But the very next day—as we were living in the midst of people who were fast taking to sewing machines—if the folks from the next house didn't want me to look at theirs! and then the news spreading, as news will spread, that there was somebody who could cobble and tinker machinery without putting people to the expense that makers would, if the jobs didn't come in fast, so that I was obliged to get files and drills and a vice—regular set of tools by degrees; and at last I was as busy as a bee from morning to night, and whistling over my work as happy as a king.

Of course every now and then I got a breakage, but I could generally get over that by buying a new wheel or spindle, or what not. Next we got to supplying shuttles and needles and machine cotton. Soon after I bought a machine of a man who was tired of it. Next week I sold it at a good profit. Bought another, and another, and sold them; then got to taking them and money in exchange for new ones, and one way and the other became a regular big dealer, as you see.

Hundred? Why, new, second-hand, and with those being repaired up-stairs by the men, I've got at least three hundred on the premises, while if anybody had told me fifteen years ago that I should be doing this I should have laughed at him.

That pretty girl showing and explaining the machine to a customer! That's Ruth, that is. No, not my daughter—yet, but she soon will be. Poor girl, I always think of her and of the bread thrown upon the waters at the same time.

Curious idea that, you will say, but I'll tell you why.

In our trade we have strange people to deal with. Most of 'em are poor, and can't buy a machine right off, but are ready and willing to pay so much a week. That suits them, and it suits me, if they'll only keep the payments up to the end.

You won't believe me, perhaps, but some of them don't do that. Some of them leave their lodgings, and I never see them again, and the most curious part is that the sewing machine disappears with them, and I never see that again. Many a one, too, that has disappeared like that do I see again—perhaps have it brought here by some one to be repaired, or exchanged for a bigger, or for one by a different maker; for if you

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"There are more men ennobled by reading than by nature."—CICERO.

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look round here you'll see I've got all kinds—new and old, little domestics and big trades—there you may name any maker and see if I don't bring you out one of his works.

Well, when I ask these people where they got the machine—for I always know them by the number—it turns out that they've bought it through an advertisement or at a salesroom, or maybe out of a pawnbroker's shop.

But I've had plenty of honest people to deal with, too—they as have come straightforward and told me they couldn't keep up their payments, and asked me to take their machine back, when I'd allow them as much as I thought fair, and it would be the end of a pleasant transaction.

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To make it worse, too, if I didn't send the thing home without charge, Luke going with it, for he was back at home now keeping my books, being grown into a fine young fellow of five-and-twenty; and I sat and growled the whole of the rest of the day, calling myself all the weak-minded idiots under the sun, and setting the wife at loss what was going on with the dogs, and I should soon be ruined.

"You ought to be ashamed of yourself, Tom," she said.

"So I am," said I; "I didn't think I could be such a fool."

"Such a fool as to do a good, kind action to one who was evidently a lady born, and came down into the world!"

"Yes," I says, "to live in Bennett's Place, where I've sunk no less than ten machines in five years."

"Yes," says the wife, "and cleared hundreds of pounds. Tom, I'm ashamed of you—you a man with twenty workers busily upstairs, a couple of thousand pounds worth of stock, and in the bank—a—"

"Hold your tongue, will you?" I said roughly, and went out into the shop to try and work it off.

Luke came back soon after, looking very strange, and I was at him directly.

"Where's the seven and six?" I says, angrily.

He did not answer, but put three half-crowns on the desk, took out the book, made his entries—date of delivery, first payment, when the others' due, and all the rest of it—and was then going into the house.

"Mind," I says sharply, "those payments are to be kept up to the day; and tomorrow you go to Rolly's, who lives nearly opposite to 'em, and tell 'em to keep an eye on the widow, or we shall lose another machine."

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"Father," he said, looking me full in the face, "I couldn't insult them by doing such a thing," when without another word, he walked quietly out of the shop, leaving me worse than ever.

For that boy had never spoken to me like that before, and I should have gone after him, feeling mad like, only some people came in, and I didn't see him again till evening, and a good thing, too, for I'm sure I should have said all sorts of things to the boy, that I should have been sorry for after. And then I was fuming and fretting about, savage with everybody, giving short answers, snapping at the wife, and feeling as a man does when he knows that he has been in the wrong and hasn't the heart to go and say so.

It was about eight o'clock that I was sitting by the parlor fire, with the wife working and very quiet, when Luke came

in from the workshop with a book under his arm, for he had been totting up the men's piecework, and what was due to them; and the sight of him made me look at who it was bending over my machine as if I must quarrel.

He saw it too, but he said nothing, only put the accounts away and began to read.

The wife saw the storm brewing, and knew how put out I was, for I had not lit my pipe, nor yet had my evening nap, which I always have after tea. So she did what she knew so well how to do—filled my pipe, forced it into my hand, and just as I was going to dash it to pieces in the ashes, she gave me one of her old looks, kissed me on the forehead, as with one hand she pressed me back into my chair, and then with the other she lit a splint and held it to my tobacco.

I was done. She always gets over me like that; and after smoking in silence for half an hour, I was lying back, with my eyes closed, dropping off to sleep, when the wife said (what had gone before I hadn't heard)—

"Yes, he's asleep now."

That woke me up, of course, and if I didn't lie there shamming and heard all they said in a whisper.

"How came you to make him more vexed than he was, Luke?" said the wife; and he told her.

"I couldn't do it, mother," he said excitedly. "It was heart-breaking. She's living in a wretched room there with her daughter; and, mother, when I saw her I felt as if—there, I can't tell you."

"Go on, Luke," she said.

"They're half starved," he said in a husky way. "Oh, mother, it's horrible. Such a sweet, beautiful girl, and the poor woman herself dying almost with the same terrible disease."

The wife sighed.

"They told me," he went on, "how hard they had tried to live by ordinary needle-work, and failed, and that as a last resource they had tried to get the machine."

"Poor things!" says the wife; "but are you sure the mother was a lady?"

"A clergyman's widow," says Luke, hastily; "there isn't a doubt about it. Poor girl! and they've got to learn to use it before it will be of any use."

"Poor girl, Luke!" says the wife softly; and I saw through my eyelashes that she laid a hand upon his arm and was looking curiously at him, when he didn't cover his face with his hands, rest his elbows on the table, and give a low groan!

Then the old woman got up, stood behind his chair, and began playing with and caressing his hair like the foolish old mother would.

"Mother," he says suddenly, "will you go and see them?"

She didn't answer for a minute, only stolidly looking down at him, and she said softly—

"They paid you the first money?"

"No," he says, hotly. "hadn't the heart to take it?"

"Then that money you paid was yours, Luke?"

"Yes, mother," he says, simply; and those two stopped looking one at the other, till the wife bent down and kissed him, holding his head afterwards for a few moments to her hands; for she always did worship that chap, our only one; and then I closed my eyes tight and went on breathing heavy and thinking.

For something like a new revelation had come upon me. I knew Luke was five and twenty and that I was fifty-four, but he always seemed like a boy to me, and here was I waking up to the fact that he was a grown man, and that he was thinking and feeling as I first thought and felt when I saw his mother, nigh upon eight and twenty years ago.

I lay back, thinking and telling myself I was very savage with him for deceiving me and that I wouldn't have him and his mother laying plots together against me, and that I wouldn't stand by and see him make a fool of himself with the first pretty girl he set eyes on, when he might marry Maria Turner, the engineer's daughter, and have a nice bit of money with her to put into the business, and then be my partner.

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There in the bare room sat, asleep in her chair, the widow lady who came about the machine, and I could see that in her face which told plainly enough that the pain and suffering she must have been going through for years would soon be over, and, situated as she was, it gave me a kind of turn.

Robert sighs as the song ends, and she proposes a game of croquet. They go out and play croquet till tea-time.—Terre Haute Free Press.

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"Hush!" she said softly, holding up her hand; and I saw it was thin transparent nestling in my breast.

"So that's the gal, is it?" I said to myself. "Ah Luke, my boy, you've got to the silly calf age, and I dare say—"

I got no further, for at that moment the girl started, turned around, and turned upon me a timid, wondering face, that made my heart give a queer throb, and I couldn't take my eyes off her.

"Hush!" she

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In a Railway Car.

Traveling one afternoon on a very slow railroad, a gentleman in the seat behind us addressed us an inquiry. Perceiving that we were still buried in our paper, he leaned over and repeated the question. We felt the warm breath on our cheek and turned askance. He spoke again and, bles his hips, we could read "When are we going to get to I—?" About four o'clock, we carelessly replied, and took up our paper again, and he resumed his.

It was a fortunate escape. We do not particularly care to have each one of our fellow travelers before and behind know that we are deaf, although we cannot object much when the information gets out in an agreeable way.

But to have a man thunder away behind you, and you in blissful ignorance of what is up, with half the car staring your way, isn't exactly the thing. For this reason we are rather partial to back seats, and feel degree of security in one, only equalled by the pleasure coming from the ability to gracefully and tranquilly own up that we are deaf, when some one in front turns around and asks what his heavy moustached lips forever prevents us from understanding.

We have no doubt that we have frequently been considered an outrageously impolite, and the failure to answer a civil, important question may have given rise to no end of heavy swearing. This we regret, of course, but don't see how we can help it. We can't go around labelled all over "I am deaf," and, moreover, we won't; persons having communications to make from behind, must take their chances.

There is a good deal of pleasure and of mortification in getting out into the world and taking a good look. One meets folks with all sorts of faces, and with lips well adapted to catch words from—being round, expressive and clear. Others may have lips with equal virtues, but alas! they are jealously hidden from sight by thick and bushy growths of beard and moustache. Then we meet with others that don't seem to have any lips, at least when they speak nothing external moves, and the most accomplished pupil of "Visible Speech" could not make head or tail of the utterance.

After all lip-reading is for the most part guess work, and since Yankees are proverbial good guessers, we probably have here the explanation why the practice is so popular in New England. We have not the slightest objection to lip-reading, we concede it to be a valuable accomplishment; but unwise is he who sets himself up for a lip-reader without the accompanying power of guess work. But instantaneous guessing will not at all times suffice. A little strategem will never come amiss. If we enter a store and hold a colloquy with the clerk about an article of merchandise, we need to so frame our questions that the answers will be pretty much as we expect. Any little deviation, we can very well pass over. But it's an uncertain business any how, and two chances out of three we will have pull out pencil and paper, and humbly confess our lack of hearing and scribble forth our desires.

"I Want In."

Some time ago the "Silent World" questioned the expression "I want in," found in one of the excellent books by Mr. J. Scott Hutton, of Halifax, N. S., and Mr. Hutton came out with a defense of it, as being simple and clear. He failed, however, to convince us that it was good English.

The following, which we take from the N. Y. Tribune of August 6th, shows that the phrase is good Scotch; and Mr.

Hutton being a loyal Scot, that doubtless is reason enough for him to consider it good English—or even better!

Since writing the above, we have shown it to our friend, Hon. H. C. Hickok, Chief Clerk of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, and formerly State Superintendent of Common Schools in Pennsylvania—a gentleman of high authority on educational matters. He remarks, "It is good Pennsylvania English; I have never heard it questioned before." So if Mr. Hutton comes down to the Centennial, as we certainly hope he will, he will meet with fellow-sinners to keep him company. But as Mr. Hickok adds that "It's me" and "I seen" are also good Pennsylvania English, we must be allowed to doubt still. We have, however, discovered a reason why Mr. Hutton's books should be more extensively used in the United States, or at least in Pennsylvania. H. W. S.

A number of odd Central Pennsylvania idioms not long ago printed in *The Nation* included this, before unknown to that journal: "The dog wants in (or out)." The expression has been discovered to be of Scotch parentage, and an Englishman relates the following story as founded upon it: The course of justice is calmly abiding through an Edinburgh law court when the Judge hears a disturbance. "Usher! Usher!" shouts the bewigged authority, "what's that noise?" "It's a mon, my lord," says Master Usher, "he's oot, and he's wantin' in." "Very well, let him in," and the intruder gets a seat in the hall. By-and-by another tramping is audible. "Usher! Usher! what's the matter now?" "It's the mon, my lord," answers the unhappy official. "He's doon and he's wantin' up." The Judge is provoked but still calm. "Show him up." Silence for a little, then a rustling in the gallery. "Usher, what's going on now?" "Please, my lord, it's just the mon, he's up and he's wantin' down." "Show him down," answers the exasperated Judge, who manages to remain quiet until ten minutes after a fresh commotion is caused by "the mon who was in and wantin' oot," and he cries, "Let him out, and what is more, keep him out!"

Personal.

Mr. A. W. MANN, late a teacher in the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb, and the Blind, at Flint, was a teacher there for eight years—has lately severed his connection with the Institute and has been licensed by Bishop McCosky as a missionary among the deaf-mutes in this State, Illinois, Ohio and Indiana. Mr. Mann has already entered upon his labors, as will be seen elsewhere, and most successfully, too. He is thoroughly imbued with a spirit for labor, knowing as he does how urgent is the need of labor in that field. He is in the city visiting his wife's relatives and arranging for the beginning of a mission here. He will conduct religious services for the deaf-mutes of this city, and vicinity in St. Mark's Church chapel next Sunday evening. To him is the Eagle indebted largely for the material facts given in the article elsewhere on the work and its history, which will be read with great interest by all. It is to be hoped some of our wealthy citizens will see that the work ought to go on, and will encourage with their money as well as their countenance.—*Grand Rapids (Mich.) Eagle.*

Mr. THOMAS J. TRIST, a teacher in the Pennsylvania Institution and formerly a classmate of the editor of the *JOURNAL* in the High Class of the New York Institution, has been for the few weeks past and is still sojourning at Bar Harbor, Mt. Desert, Maine. He picks his teeth at the same hotel where Mr. F. A. Spofford, for many years a teacher in the New York and latterly in the Ohio Institution, is staying. The numerous friends of these two gentlemen would be most happy to meet them at the Watertown Convention.

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The London Articulation Day School

BY A VISITOR.

(From the London Daily News, July 10, 1875.)

The public examination of a selected number of children is not always a test of their actual proficiency. It was a kind act of the Duke and Duchess of Westminster the other day to throw open Grosvenor House to be used as the temporary examination hall of the pupils taught by the Association for the Oral Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, and I can answer for the delight and edification of the visitors at what they saw and heard on that occasion. But a system must be judged by its ordinary operation; and I resolved to present myself at the school, 12 Fitzroy-square, and see it for myself, in its everyday dress. To this course I found no objection whatever; inspection, on the contrary, was eagerly invited, and Mr. Van Praagh, who has introduced the system of oral instruction into the country, courteously led the way to the first floor, where the school rooms are situated. The general pre-conceived notion of an assembly of deaf and dumb children is that of a company of sad looking silent little folks, whose infirmities are written in lines of premature melancholy upon their countenances. But before reaching the school-rooms sounds of happy laughter and lively movement were heard, more nearly resembling those of an ordinary day school than an establishment maintained for those for whom hearing has been denied. The fifty boys and girls present were not being actually taught at the time, and

their merry, intelligent countenance, their warm look of welcome towards their benefactors and their generally healthy appearance told volumes in their favor. The vulgar error that the deaf are born dumb is one which a slight acquaintance with the literature of the subject corrects. The method of teaching adopted by Mr. Van Praagh, goes back to the fifteenth century, and the history of it may be read in Sir William Hamilton's Essay on Dalgarno. There is no such affliction as dumbness. A child is dumb because, being deaf, it is unable to imitate the speech of others, or because, lacking reason, the sounds heard cannot reach the ear of the mind. "Therefore," he says, "we make the eye perform the duty ordinarily done by the ear." This, then, is the pith of the matter: the pupils at the Deaf and Dumb School in Fitzroy-square are, by following the motions of the lips, taught to comprehend, or, if I may so put it, to *hear* with the eye, the language addressed to them.

The children on our entering the room seemed to anticipate that something would be required of them; this accounted for their sharp watching of my conductor's lips. "Tom," he said, and swift as a dart Tom, a bright-eyed lad, came forward with a smile for orders. Yet Tom, as the saying goes, is as deaf as post, and likely, poor boy, even to remain so. Mr. Van Praagh mentioned a certain article which he wanted, mentioned also the room on the lower floor, and the particular table where it might be found; and Tom at once read off the lip motions, and by the prompt manner in which he fulfilled the errand, proved how accurately he interpreted the instructions of the master. That this was no exceptional example, and that the system brings the understanding into full play—not an unimportant consideration, it must be remembered—there was during the rest of my visit ample proof. Emulation, such as can only exist in a well-conducted day school, wonderfully assists the children, and every new step of progress teaches them that there is no need of despair. Mr. Van Praagh first called out of the throng a number of very young deaf-mutes, who represented the rough material, for though on their discharge 99 per cent. of the pupils are made to speak (more or less), they are absolutely speechless when brought to the school. To begin with, the children are taught to pronounce the five vowels, and these were uttered by two or three of the most forward, who had been longest in the set, the tiny creatures watching the master's lips with an absorbingly earnest gaze, and flushing with triumph when the vowels had been successfully achieved. A blue-eyed child, a new arrival, five years of age, tried hard to be heard; he opened his little mouth like a bird trying to pipe, but, alas! there was no sound. He had learned the position of the lips, but the faculty of vocalization can only come by further practice. "Face," said Mr. Praagh to a small urchin in knickerbockers, who a month since had never broken silence; and "Face," immediately, with an old but clear pronunciation, responded the child, who had watched the teacher's lips, while two or three others, who had watched likewise, touched their cheeks to show that they too had comprehended both the word and its meaning. "Write it down," was Mr. Van Praagh's next remark, spoken with a decided opening of the lips, but otherwise in the ordinary method of conversation; and the child upon this seized a piece of chalk and upon the black board traced the correct letters. A second batch consisted of older pupils, and they were able to comprehend sentences and respond to them, some in wonderfully articulate, others in more labored speech. To many questions which I myself asked, ready replies were forthcoming, although the movements of a stranger's lips must be a severe test. "Do you love mamma?" I asked one, from whom in a moment came a "Yes," spoken as well as smiled. Easy arithmetical questions in addition and subtraction I could also manage successfully with the brightest of the class, and when I said a final "Good bye," they all repeated the words, and nodded brightly as they turned away to give place to the biggest boys and girls. From them longer answers were received, and a lady teacher summoned by Mr. Van Praagh (who trains teachers as well as pupils), was as successful as himself; though it is evident the director of the school has the happy gift of enlisted his pupils' affections in an especial manner. Showing a disused Chalk Farm railway ticket to one of the boys, he, without hesitation, read the name of the station aloud. Here was proof that the same would be the case with human beings. Only one or two of the United States prohibit the marriage of first cousins. Georgia once did so, and how that came about is as follows:

In most Christian countries the regulation of marriage is founded on the ancient Hebrew code whereby none who were within the Levitical degrees of consanguinity could marry. That the early patriarchs married their near relatives without detriment to their offspring is known; and Isaac was the result of such a marriage. The Egyptians and Assyrians of rank also married their sisters, and are not supposed to have been injured thereby. Inbreeding in the case of animals often improves the original stock, but the same would be the case with human beings. Only one or two of the United States prohibit the marriage of first cousins. Georgia once did so, and how that came about is as follows:

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First Day:

The first day will be nearly or entirely occupied by the delivery of an address by His Honor, BRADELEY WINSTON, Mayor of the City of Watertown,

THE PRESIDENT'S Annual Address, October 1st, MR. F. J. SELLINEY, of Aurora, N. Y.

Lecture on Marriage by the Rev. DR. THOMAS GALLAUDET, Rector of St. Ann's Church for Deaf-Mutes, New York, and Reports of the Treasurer and Secretary of the Society.

In the evening the Rev. Dr. Thomas GallauDET, of St. Ann's Church, will be present, and will be a service for deaf-mutes, in Trinity Church, which service, however, will be interpreted for the benefit of hearing persons, who are very cordially invited to attend.

Second Day:

A Grand Excursion

will take place the 23rd day by cars and steamers

to Brockville, Ont.

The deaf-mutes and their friends who go on this trip will leave Watertown by railroad at eight A. M. Thursday morning, the 25th, and upon arriving at Cataract Vincent, will embark on board

the steamer MAUD.

For Brockville, over 100 miles distant from Watertown, the Maud which is chartered for the occasion, is one of the safest running steamers in the world, and when the sail was struck by a squall, to save the boat from capsizing, Mr. Allen rushed to the mast, when the sail came round with the wind, enveloped him in its fold, and the boat upset. Allen was accompanied by a lad 13 years old, who was unable to swim. On finding themselves in the water, and Allen probably still entangled in the sail, he told the lad that he would have to look out for himself, as he could render him no assistance.

Again we are all deaf-mutes and their friends who can possibly do so to participate in this Grand Excursion. As before stated we shall get a fine and splendid view of the Thousand Islands and a most interesting and romantic scenery for the day. The St. Lawrence River is to be fully celebrated and world-renowned. It may be years, if ever, before many of us will have another opportunity to make this trip. True, some of us perhaps might chance to take a trip with some of our hearing friends, but that is entirely different from going *deaf*, as it were, by ourselves and entire.

This is too good a chance to lose, therefore let all who can embrace the present opportunity.

The school is conducted by an Association of which Lord Granville is president, and which owes its origin to the benevolence of the Baroness Mayer de Rothschild. Some of the children, I might mention, had that morning been to see Mr. Van Praagh to visit the Baroness' yacht at Blackwell, and from the boys I received, in answer to questions, information respecting the ships and the dogs. Such information was necessarily fragmentary, for the pupils have been living a new life since their admission to the school, and it is not difficult to imagine that to many of them the world is only beginning to unfold itself. The baroness had previously founded the Jews Deaf and Dumb Home, where Mr. Van Praagh for the first time taught the art of lip-reading. Conferences at her

house, and other means, resulted in the establishment of an Association, and of the school which I have just visited, a school whose objects surely must command themselves to all who feel for the sufferings and misfortunes of others.

Yet an inexplicable lack of public support must be confessed. However high the fees may be, and there are some pupils whose parents are well able to pay them, the expenses of the school forbid its becoming self-supporting. The names of the President, Vice-Presidents, and Committee are a guarantee anywhere of the good faith of the Society: the invaluable results of the tuition given are acknowledged with surprise and admiration, by all who witness them; but cheques which are in these cases better than praise, are not forthcoming to Sir John Lubbock, who, as treasurer, is ready to receive them, and hard cash, which sometimes lasts longer and goes further than admiration, falls not into the Association's coffers. The school, opened three years ago with three girls and one boy, now numbers twenty-six boys and twenty-four girls; but the house in Fitzroy-square is not large enough for the members that might be admitted. Is it not too much to believe that an association of this kind will ask in vain for the means to build a properly appointed school, which shall be national in its range, and in every way worthy of the benevolent work it has set

forth?

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The next thing in order will be the election of officers of the Society for the ensuing two years, and the transaction of such business as may come before the convention, &c. Once more we cordially invite all to come and attend the Convention and join the excursion party.

H. A. RUMRILL, Secretary.

The first business of the Convention will be to vote upon and ascertain by ballot who is the handsomest deaf-mute lady present at the Convention. This feature of the programme will elicit a great deal of humor for the amusement of those in attendance.

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New York Notes.

(From our own Correspondent.)

The past week has been one of alternate sunshine and shadow here in South-eastern New York. Not a day has passed without showers of more or less duration. The fast-falling rain-drops were very refreshing to the dry and dusty city streets. Other parts of the country have doubtless been benefited by frequent showers during the same period.

Far away from the din and tumult of the over-crowded city, where there is always so much bustle and confusion, and within the hollowed precincts of the beautiful, open country, where one can look through Nature up to her God with feelings full of wonder and admiration, I find myself in the quiet village of Clifton, to which I came last Saturday to spend a few days and get a bit of pure, fresh air.

The sail down the bay on Saturday afternoon was very pleasant, there being a strong breeze from the south-west. As the summer twilight deepened and the sky darkened, and night spread its sable mantle over the earth, the bright crimson and golden clouds changed to inky darkness, and the rain came pouring down. The occasional peals of thunder that went rumbling along in mad fury overhead, were so heavy and near that it seemed as though the whole artillery of heaven had been let loose by some unseen force. The next morning's sun effaced all signs of the tempest of the previous night.

The readers of the JOURNAL will be surprised and pained to hear of the death of William Wallace Farum, who was run over and killed by the cars in Pennsylvania, about two weeks ago. It is supposed that his love for strong drink cost him his life. This reason may not be true, as we have not as yet had any particulars of this unfortunate calamity.

Since last October, Mr. James Lewis, our city missionary, has collected over six hundred dollars for the Building Fund of the National Home. During the month of July he received ninety-eight dollars. There are over one thousand and four hundred dollars in the treasury of the Fund at the present.

The committee expects to realize two thousand and five hundred dollars by the end of the autumn and before the spring of 1876, three thousand dollars, with which and a mortgage upon the premises, they may be able to secure a house and grounds in some pretty rural village. All this is not a reality, but simply a possibility, as we cannot penetrate into the future. Mr. Lewis has been out of the city a large portion of the summer, doing what he could to rear the walls of the new Home. We are glad to learn that he has been so successful. He went to Tompkinsville, Stapleton and Vanderbilt's Landing last Friday, and we hope he was successful.

Mr. Wm. Martin Chamberlain, of Marblehead, Mass., expects to be in Watertown, N. Y., before the 25th inst., and will, of course, address the Convention, as he has some important remarks to make. He is one of our most popular and intelligent semi-mutes.

Mr. Wm. O. Fitzgerald, a clerk in the New York Custom House, is now spending a few weeks of leisure at the house of Mr. Chamberlain, in Marblehead, Mass. We trust he will have all the fishing and boating he wishes, but he must not bring any fish to Wall street for the bears there to fight over, though we do not suppose bears love fish.

There are two deaf and dumb maiden sisters living in Newburgh, N. Y., who are in such reduced circumstances that it is quite probable they may in time become inmates of the National Home. They were educated at the New York Institution.

Mr. Edward Cook was not educated in the institution at Canajoharie, but visited the school there when the first husband of Mrs. Totton was one of its teachers. He entered the Pennsylvania Institution in 1820, over half a century ago.

Dr. and Mrs. Gallaudet have been on a flying visit to the Catskill Mountains. The doctor was summoned to Washington the last week in July to marry a deaf-mute couple.

At the West the first organized mission was started in the city of Flint, Michigan, outside of and entirely disconnected from the State Institution which is located there. It was only intended for the graduates of the different institutions who are residing in the city. In course of time Jackson was visited and occasional services held afterward. Then came Detroit. It is designed, as far as circumstances will permit, to establish a mission in Grand Rapids, and it is expected to have the first service in St. Mark's Church chapel, and on next Sunday (the 8th of August) in the evening.

THE OBJECT

of the movement is to take up the deaf-mutes where the schools leave them, and provide religious instruction and surround them with such influences as will be beneficial and elevating alike to mind and soul. The number of mutes now in the whole United States is pretty well estimated at 22,000. It will be seen at once that there is a great work to be done in the organization of these missions, and much else besides. The large cities of the West contain numbers of them, notably Chicago, where there now reside at least a hundred. In some of these cities they have organized literary and religious associations among themselves and invited competent persons to deliver lectures and sermons. The difficulty still, as heretofore, is to get such persons to engage permanently in this work and pay them a good salary besides their traveling expenses. This difficulty, it is hoped, will be obviated in the course of time.

SKETCH OF DR. GALLAUDET AND SONS.

It may not be amiss to give a short sketch of Dr. Gallaudet. He was born at Hartford, Conn., at the institution located there, which his father, the Rev. Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet, founded and conducted for years. This, it must be

remembered, was the first school for the deaf and dumb started in America. Young Gallaudet spent his time with the pupils and acquired that thorough knowledge of their language which amply enables him to conduct the present work. After the usual preparation at an academy he entered Trinity College, Hartford, where he graduated after a full course. Determining to adopt the profession of his father he taught for awhile at Hartford, and then went to the New York Institute, where we find him as we begin the story of the mission work.

It would be interesting, no doubt, to follow him in all the labors, and trials incident to the organization of a new work, but time and space will not allow of a more extended history. It may be well, however, to speak a little further of the connection of the Gallaudet family with the interests of the deaf and dumb. The Elder Gallaudet went to Europe in the year 1816 and became familiar with the sign language, at the Imperial Institute, Paris, thus preparing himself for the work he was about to undertake on the western continent. Returning to America he brought with him Laurent Clerc, an educated mute, who materially assisted him in the organization of the first school already mentioned.

This school prospered quietly and the attendance increased. The next institution was founded in New York city, and so on until to-day there are nearly forty in the entire Union alone. As already mentioned the first church mission was organized by one of the sons of the Elder Gallaudet. It remained for another son to become largely identified with the higher education of the deaf and dumb, Edward M. Gallaudet, Ph. D. LL. D. (for such is his name and title) founded the first college for them, where advantages equal to those enjoyed by their more favored brethren were offered. This college is in full tide of prosperity, turning out graduates annually, and conferring degrees the same as other colleges. Over it he still presides, assisted by an able corps of professors.

THE WORK HERE AND IN THE WEST.

As heretofore mentioned, the Mission has been already extended so as to embrace a portion of the west. For the present, and for want of men and means the work will be confined to Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, Milwaukee, Jackson, Grand Rapids and Flint. At these progressions and persons are found who will willingly devote their time to the work, missions will be established in every principal city and every endeavor put forth to reach the deaf and dumb, wherever they can be found, and throw around them the influences of the church. Owning to pressure of duties at the east in connection with the work of his own parish, Dr. Gallaudet has been unable for years past to travel and look after the interests of the mission at a distance. But the difficulty is now in a fair way to be obviated in the engagement of two assistants who will attend to the work in his absence. As is now well understood, it is the Doctor's intention hereafter to travel more extensively, for the purpose of organizing and giving force to the work that has thoroughly enlisted the sympathies of his heart. His position in this work is that of general manager, having received the appointment three years ago.

Thus, from a small beginning has grown a work that promises, with God's blessing, many returns. It has grown steadily through the usual trials, and gained strength in the meanwhile until, as heretofore, it now commends itself to the interest and sympathy of all Christians.

At a meeting of the Orwell Grange, No. 66, held at their room August 6th, 1875, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, By a visitation of Providence, sudden and unexpected death which has removed from among the living our worthy and esteemed Brother, Samuel D. Stowell, the community in which he moved has lost a respected and valuable citizen, our Grangers a true and faithful member and a family a beloved and affectionate loving and devoted husband and father, therefore

Resolved, That, while we, in common with our town and the community in large, mourn and lament the untimely death of our worthy and esteemed Bro. Samuel D. Stowell, who walked uprightly while traveling with us in time, we bow with humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

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A proposition is on foot to build a summer church for Beecher on the White Mountains.

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A steamer boiler explosion at Washington Landing, near Knoxville, Tenn., Saturday, killed four persons.

Commander George W. Morris, who commanded the Cumberland when she was sunk by the Merrimac in Hampton Roads, died at Jordan, Alum Springs, Va., Sunday.

The United States steamship Tennessee, with Rear Admiral Reynolds enroute to command the Asiatic station, has successfully passed through the Suez canal.

A Communist society has been organized in Montreal, whose members write threatening letters to wealthy employers of labor.

Two minors were killed and one fatally injured by a detached car at Scranton, Saturday.

The body of Miss Philpot, drowned last week at the Cave of Winds, Niagara Falls, was rescued on Sunday from the whirlpool.

The express freight train going west of the Indianapolis and St. Louis railroad Saturday night ran over a horse near Nokomis, Ill., ditching the engine and several cars and killing engineer, Dennis O'Brien.

A good deal of excitement was occasioned at the county insane asylum, St. Louis, Saturday, over the death of patients from the administration of a sedative mixture. The same preparation had been used before without bad effects, and it is now thought that either an overdose was given to the patients or some unusual article was put into the mixture.

A Black Hills' despatch says the miners passed resolutions complimentary to Gen. Crook, named the place on French creek where they were as Custer City, saying it is one of the richest mining districts in the United States; gave each miner a lot and obey the President's proclamation in leaving under protest. They leave six miners to take charge of their property.

Spotted Tail has gone home and says the miners have damaged the creek \$50,000, which amount he will claim from the Government.

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